

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 25-63 June 10, 2025

Petition of the Town of Rockport for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

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On May 28, 2025, the Town of Rockport ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to optout, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 25-63.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85701779368">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85701779368</a> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (301) 715-8592 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 857 0177 9368. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, to annemarie.belle@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday**, **July 16, 2025**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public

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comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to <a href="mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov">dpu.efiling@mass.gov</a> and <a href="mailto:annemarie.belle@mass.gov">annemarie.belle@mass.gov</a>. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, Kevin M. Considine, Esq., at <a href="mailto:kevin@considinefurey.com">kevin@considinefurey.com</a>. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-63); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dpu">http://www.mass.gov/dpu</a>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <a href="https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber">https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber</a> (enter "25-63"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov.

Translation and/or interpretation are available upon request. To request translation and/or interpretation in a language other than English, please contact Paralegal Specialist Kaylee Burgess at <a href="mailto:dpu.ej@mass.gov">dpu.ej@mass.gov</a> no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Kevin M. Considine, Esq., at <a href="kevin@considinefurey.com">kevin@considinefurey.com</a>. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Annemarie Belle, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at <a href="maintenance-annemarie.belle@mass.gov">annemarie.belle@mass.gov</a>.

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## **Translation and Interpretation Services**

#### **English**

ATTENTION: Translation and/or interpretation services are available upon request. Please email Kaylee Burgess at <a href="mailto:dpu.ej@mass.gov">dpu.ej@mass.gov</a> to request language services, specifying your preferred language and contact information.

## Português (Portuguese)

ATENÇÃO: Disponibilizamos nossos serviços de tradução e/ou interpretação de acordo com a sua demanda. Para solicitar um serviço linguístico, envie um e-mail para Kaylee Burgess através do endereço dpu.ej@mass.gov, informando o idioma desejado e seus dados para contato.

#### (Traditional Chinese)

提醒您: 您可依照需求申請筆譯和/或口譯服務。請以電郵聯絡Kaylee Burgess(dpu.ej@mass.gov)來申請语言服务请求,請在電郵內註明需要的語言和聯絡資訊。

#### Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

LƯU Ý: Các dịch vụ biên dịch và/hoặc phiên dịch có sẵn theo yêu cầu. Vui lòng gửi email đến Kaylee Burgess theo địa chỉ dpu.ej@mass.gov để yêu cầu dịch vụ ngôn ngữ, nêu rõ ngôn ngữ tra thích của quý vị và thông tin liên lạc

## العربية (Arabic)

يُرجى الانتباه: تتوفر خدمات الترجمة و/أو الترجمة الفورية عند الطلب. لطلب خدمات لغوية يُرجى التواصل مع Kaylee Burgess بارسال رسالة الكترونية إلى العنوان <a href="mass.gov">dpu.ej@mass.gov</a> تحدد فيها اللغة المفضّلة لديك وتذكر معلومات الاتصال.

### ខែរ (Khmer)

ជ្លួនចំពោះ៖ សេវាបកប្រែឯកសារ និង/ឬអ្នកបកប្រែថ្នាល់ គឺមានតាមការស្នើសុំ។ សូមផ្ញើអ៊ីមែលទៅ Kaylee Burgess តាម dpu.ej@mass.gov ដើម្បីស្នើសុំសេវាកម្មផ្នែកភាសា ដោយបញ្ជាក់ភាសាដែលអ្នកចង់បាន និងព័ត៌មានទំនាក់ទំនង។

#### Español (Spanish)

ATENCIÓN: Los servicios de traducción y/o interpretación están disponibles bajo solicitud. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Kaylee Burgess en <a href="mailto:dpu.ej@mass.gov">dpu.ej@mass.gov</a> para solicitar los servicios de idiomas, especificando su idioma preferido e información de contacto.

## 中文 (Simplified Chinese)

提醒您:您可依需要申请提供笔译和/或口译服务。 请发送电子邮件给 Kaylee Burgess(dpu.ej@mass.gov)来申请语言服务要求,并注明您的首选语言和联系信息。

#### Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

ATANSYON: Gen sèvis tradiksyon ak/oswa entèpretasyon ki disponib sou demann. Tanpri voye imèl bay Kaylee Burgess nan dpu.ej@mass.gov pou mande sèvis lang, ki enfòme lang ou pi pito a ak enfòmasyon kontak ou.

#### Français (French)

ATTENTION: Des services de traduction et/ou d'interprétation sont disponibles sur demande. Veuillez envoyer un e-mail à Kaylee Burgess à l'adresse <a href="mailto:dpu.ej@mass.gov">dpu.ej@mass.gov</a> pour demander des services linguistiques, en précisant votre langue préférée et vos coordonnées.

## Русский (Russian)

#### ВНИМАНИЕ!

Услуги письменного и/или устного перевода предоставляются по запросу. Для запроса услуг перевода обращайтесь к Kaylee Burgess по адресу dpu.ej@mass.gov. В запросе укажите язык перевода и контактную информацию.

## 한국 (Korean)

주의: 요청 시 번역 및/또는 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다. Kaylee Burgess에게 dpu.ej@mass.gov로 이메일을 보내 선호하는 언어와 연락처 정보를 명시하여 언어 서비스를 요청하십시오.



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The Town of Rockport ("Town") shall, not later than **Wednesday**, **June 18, 2025**, publish the attached Notice of Filing, Request for Comments, and Public Hearing ("Notice") in the Gloucester Daily News.

In addition, not later than **Wednesday**, **June 18**, **2025**, the Town shall serve a copy of the attached Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and National Grid. Such service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, the Town shall from **five business days** following the receipt of the Notice from the Department through **Wednesday**, **July 16**, **2025**, prominently display the attached Notice on the Town's official website and the Program website, as well as any additional locations where the Town typically publishes local notices.

The Town is directed to make proof of publication (including posting on the Town's and the Program websites) and return of service not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

by Order of the Department,
/s/
Mark D. Marini, Secretary